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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Luc Desnoyers et al. Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned Filed: Herewith For: SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned Examiner: Not Yet Assigned Express Mail Label No.: EL 889 330 869 US December 24, 2001
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above captioned patent application (which is filed herewith), and for calculation of the proper filing fee, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, line 2:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation application claiming priority under 35 USC §120 to US serial number 09/931836 filed 8/16/01 which claims priority under 35 USC §120 to U.S. serial numbers: 09/311832 Filed 5/14/99; 09/380142 Filed 8/25/99, now abandoned; 09/644848 Filed 8/22/00; 09/747259 Filed 12/20/00; 09/816744 Filed 3/22/01; 09/854208 Filed 5/10/01; 09/854280 Filed 5/10/01; 09/874503 Filed 6/5/01; 09/869599 Filed 6/29/01; 09/908,827 Filed 7/18/2001; and which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to PCT international application numbers: PCT/US99/10733 Filed 5/14/99; PCT/US99/28551 Filed 12/2/99; PCT/US99/30720 Filed 12/22/99; PCT/US00/05601 Filed 3/1/00; PCT/US00/05841 Filed 3/2/00; PCT/US00/14042 Filed 5/22/00; PCT/US00/15264